

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 12-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 12-14 have been allowed. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 15 and 18 have been amended so that claims 15-19 depend from the allowable claims. Applicants submit that claims 15-19 are patentable for the same reasons as claim 12 upon which they depend. In order to expedite allowance of this case, claims 1-11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact William J. Davis at (973) 628-3529 or the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below. We hereby authorize the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

Respectfully submitted:

By: /John F. Kane/
John F. Kane
Reg. No. 44,815

THOMPSON HINE LLP
2000 Courthouse Plaza N.E.
10 West Second Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402-1758
Telephone: (937) 443-6816
Facsimile: (937) 443-6635